

THE GLEANER.

ROBERT BONNER has recently been in the West looking at fast stock.

THE late Emperor Ferdinand of Austria left the Pope six millions of dollars.

THE London *Lancet* says that no person should sit for more than half an hour.

EASTERN Switzerland is afflicted with the locust plague, and nearly all the grain has been destroyed.

It is estimated that during the last six months over 97,103 persons in the United States have been killed by violence.

GARIBALDI is much better in health. He attributes his improvement to the effects of sulphur baths, which have been most beneficial to his crippled condition.

THE Presbyterian Church in the United States has thirty-six synods, 4,706 ministers, 506,034 communicants, and 520,452 Sunday school children.

San Francisco is to build a separate establishment for the 163 colored children in her limits, as the authorities will not allow them to attend the public schools.

THE late W. H. Donaldson's children are not suffering from want. They have a comfortable home in Buffalo, at the place where they have long boarded, and it is intended to give them a good education.

ALEXANDRE DUMAS answered a question of his little daughter the other day as to the difference between a man and a woman by saying: "It is simple: a woman on a railroad has always too much baggage."

THE Princess Orloff, whose death is announced from Switzerland, never enjoyed good health, but as the wife of the Russian Ambassador at Paris had one of the most agreeable salons in Paris. She was an accomplished pianist withal.

LADY FRANKLIN sat for a bust a short time before her last illness, and this will doubtless be finished. She never had a portrait or photograph taken, but an old friend of hers, a niece of lady Morgan, is to paint her from memory.

THE Empress of Austria is the fairest of royal ladies, having the loveliest dark eyes in the world, and sweet and winning manners. But it is nevertheless currently reported that she hen-pecks her royal spouse unmercifully.

PRINCE HUMBERT, of Italy, made a stay of four weeks in England, and effected extensive purchases of the finest horses he could procure. The securing of good horses for breeding purposes appears to have been one of the chief aims of his visit.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT has his imported thoroughbreds and four-in-hand drag at Newport, and the turnout creates something of a sensation. The whole cost of the equipage, including horses and servant's livery, is said to have been \$47,500, gold.

THE recent discovery of extensive coal deposits in California will add much to the prosperity of the State in more ways than one. Last year the sum of \$10,000,000 was paid for iron, which cost half as much more for transportation from Eastern and foreign factories.

THE following notice from the War Office appeared in the London *Gazette* of Aug. 13: "Half Pay.—Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Valentine Baker, half pay, late Tenth Hussars, has been removed from the army, her Majesty having no further occasion for his services. Dated 2d. August, 1874."

DR. KENALY is said to be the best speaker heard in the House of Commons, his voice being clear and strong, his words aptly chosen, and his manner commanding. But the members kept up a noise throughout the time he was speaking, and it was thus quite impossible to follow his remarks.

A grey hair was espied among the raven locks of a fair friend of ours, a few days since. "Oh, pray pull it out," she exclaimed. "If I pull it out, ten will come to the funeral," replied the lady who had made the unwelcome discovery. "Pluck it out nevertheless," said the dark-haired damsel; "it is no sort of consequence how many come if they only come in black."

MISS TAYLOR, an equestrienne of Barnum's Hippodrome, who was engaged to marry Donaldson, is now at her sister's home in Peoria, having been injured by a fall from a horse. She says that Donaldson, who was unusually depressed in spirits before his ascension, gave into her charge all his portable effects, and declares she has not yet given up all hope of his safety.

SHE stepped into the car radiant with youth and looking cool and bright in her flower-trimmed hat and speckless suit of linen. Four young men immediately offered her their seats; she accepted one with an entrancing smile and instantly gave it to a poor, wan, little old woman who had been standing for ten blocks. Whereupon the young men did not know whether to get up again or not, and tried their best not to look foolish.

THE report of the Deputy Master of the English Mint for the year 1874 has recently been presented to both Houses of Parliament. It appears that during the year the total coins struck numbered 27,467,142, of the value of £2,371,739. The gold coinage, including both sovereigns and half-sovereigns, amounted in value to £1,462,920, or considerably less than in preceding years, but to this must be added nearly two millions sterling of gold coinage imported from Australia.

MARGINALIA.

MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN is said to be recovering from her insanity.

THE Khedive, who intended visiting Europe this year, has been compelled to abandon the idea on account of an unusually early rise of the Nile.

THEY are trying to acclimate the Florida cedar tree in Germany, as it furnishes the only kind of wood suitable for the manufacture of lead pencils.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT is said to have no real estate in his own name except the house he lives in. It was all conveyed to William Vanderbilt on the eve of his father's marriage for the consideration of \$1.

Mlle. DELAFORTE, the French actress who has been making a success in Russia, is downright plain in appearance, not even picturesquely "ugly." However, she is one of the most delicately pure of actresses.

MR. GLADSTONE in thanking a German author for the dedication of his work, writes: "Germany now holds the first place on behalf of the world in asserting the necessity of limiting spiritual powers to spiritual things."

A MUSKET which Aaron Burr captured while serving under Benedict Arnold at the attempted storming of Quebec, on the night of Dec. 31, 1775, is on exhibition in Oswego. The gun is of the Queen Anne pattern, and weighs 27 pounds.

COL. FORNEY writes that the first sleeping-carriage he saw in Europe was on his journey from Berlin to Frankfurt-on-the-Maine. It is owned by an American, Col. Mann, proprietor of *The Mobile* (Ala.) *Register*.

It is a singular coincidence that the examination of the unearthed remains of Aztec villages in Arizona and the mounds in the Grand Traverse region of Michigan revealed large quantities of charcoal in close proximity to human bones.

Since the year 1800 England has waged forty-nine wars; France, thirty-eight; Russia, twenty-two; Austria, twelve; Prussia, eight; and in spite of all the peace societies and international conventions they all appear anxious for another.

M. DE LESSEPS presented, the other day, to the French Academy of Science specimens of white and black raisins of excellent quality, which grow in an oasis in the midst of the Egyptian desert at a short distance from the Canal of Suez. The vines there produce raisins all the year round.

THE Chinese at Szechuen are to pay 40,000 taels to the French mission in China for the murder of one of its priests, and are, besides, to execute the murderer. At this rate the Chinese will soon either have to stop their slaughter of foreigners, or raise a national loan for the payment of indemnities.

A BOY recently found a pocket-book and returned it to its owner, who gave him a five-cent piece. The boy looked at the coin an instant, and then handing it reluctantly back, audibly sighed as he said, "I can't change it."

RHYMES FOR THE KITCHEN.

Always have lobster sauce with salmon.
And put mint sauce your roasted lamb on.

Veal cutlets drip in egg and bread crumb,
Fry till you see a brownish red come.

Grate Gruyère cheese on macaroni;
Make the top crisp, but not too bony.

In venison gravy, currant jelly,
Mix with old port—see Francatelli.

In dressing salad mind this law,
With two hard yolks use one that's raw.

Roast veal with rich stock gravy serve;
And pickled mushrooms, too, observe.

Roast pork, sans apple sauce, past doubt,
Is Hamlet with the Prince left out.

Your mutton chops with paper cover,
And make them amber brown all over.

Broil lightly your beefsteak—to fry it
Argues contempt of Christian diet.

Kidneys a fine flavor gain
By stewing them in good champagne.

Buy stall-fed pigeons; when you've got them,
The way to cook them is to pot them.

Wood grouse are dry when grumps have marred 'em,
Before you roast 'em always lard 'em.

To roast spring chickens is to spoil 'em—
Just split 'em down the back and broil 'em.

It gives true epicures the vapors
To see boiled mutton minus capers.

Boiled turkey, gourmands know, of course,
Is exquisite with celery sauce.

The cook deserves a hearty cuffing,
Who serves roast fowls with tasteless stuffing.

Smelts require eggs and biscuit powder—
Don't put fat pork in your clam chowder.

Egg sauce—few make it right, alas!
Is good with bluefish or with bass.

Nice oyster sauce gives zest to cod—
A fish, when fresh, to feast a god.

Shad, stuffed and baked, is most delicious;
'T would have electrified Apicius.

Roasted in paste, a haunch of mutton
Might make ascetics play the glutton.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

Montreal is promised a Canada First morning paper.

The new Insolvent Act came into force on the first of September.

The 6th and 7th of September are fixed upon for the holding of the Toronto Regatta.

It is rumored that the Quebec Legislature will be summoned on the 15th of September.

A large number of spurious coins from the United States are in circulation at Hamilton.

The fishing in Lake Huron is uncommonly good this season, but prices are very low.

Hon. Mr. Geoffrion, who is lying ill at Vercheres of gastric or typhoid fever, is somewhat better.

Thomas C. Hallmore has died in the County of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, at the age of 103 years.

The Dominion Prohibitory League holds its next meeting at Toronto on the 15th of September.

A Manitoba paper says: As a general thing the half-breeds saved nothing, but the settlers from Ontario save about half their crops.

The Northern Colonization and North Shore railways, it is asserted, are to be completed by the Quebec Government as public works.

Whitby has churches of six denominations; three of the number are now without pastors, and the pastor of a fourth resides in Oshawa.

The Government schooner *La Canadienne*, engaged in the lighthouse service, has been totally wrecked on the eastern coast. All hands saved.

A Branch of the International Society of Europe is said to be organized in Montreal. Threatening letters have been received by employers.

The catch of mackerel at Prince Edward's Island this season has so far been small, but what have been taken are of a superior quality.

A by-law will soon be submitted to the electors of Bracebridge for the raising of \$5,000, to be offered as bonuses to manufacturers to establish works in that village.

The curé of St. Jean-Baptiste village has given notice that he will refuse the sacrament to those females of his Church who wear low-necked dresses or pull-back skirts.

The Local Government of Quebec offer to take the Northern Colonization off the hands of the Company and build it themselves, provided that the municipalities which have voted bonuses pay the money over to them.

The Canada Central Railway Directors have decided to push on the extension of their road to Pembroke immediately, and have it completed before January 1876. They intend letting it out in five mile contracts. The contracts for the Georgian Bay branch will shortly be awarded.

Last week a grand pic-nic was given by the congregation of the independent Methodist Church at Gilgal in Colchester. A large number of coloured people assembled in the woods just opposite the chapel, and a day's hearty enjoyment was indulged. An ox and several pigs were roasted for the occasion, and all partook of a hearty meal.

Four ear loads of steel rails for the north end of the London, Huron, and Bruce Railroad were delivered at the Junction with the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railroad, upon the 20th ult. Track laying was commenced upon the 23rd as far as the road is graded, for the purpose of storing the material, rails, bridge timber, &c., before the fall trade commences upon the main line. The contractors are pushing forward the work very rapidly.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

After the Restoration in 1814, among the titled followers of Napoleon who were the most anxious to obtain employment at the Court of Louis XVIII., none showed more servility and assiduity to accomplish his purpose than Fouché, Duc d'Ortante. He at last had a private interview with the King, when he expressed his desire to dedicate his life to his service. Louis replied: "You have occupied under Bonaparte a situation of great trust, which must have given you opportunities of knowing everything that passed, and of gaining an insight into the characters of men in public life which could not easily occur to others. Were I to decide on attaching you to my person, I should previously expect that you would frankly inform me what were the measures and who were the men that you employed in those days to obtain your information. I do not allude to my stay at Verons, or at Mittau—I was then surrounded by numerous adherents; but at Hartwell, for instance—were you then well acquainted with what passed under my roof?" "Yes, sire; every day the motions of your Majesty were made known to me." "Eh, what! surrounded as I was by trusty friends, who could have betrayed me? Who thus abused my confidence? I insist on your naming him immediately." "Sire, you urge me to say what must wound your Majesty's heart." "Speak, sir; kings are but too subject to be deceived." "If you command it, sire, I must own that I was in correspondence with the Duc d'Angmont."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON will appear in London on Nov. 2 in *Rip Van Winkle*.

LAST Monday E. L. Davenport appeared at the Grand Opera House N. Y. as *Hamlet*.

At Walleck's, "Boulotte," with Miss Julia Matthews, continues attractive.

MR. BARRY SULLIVAN appeared at Booth's last Monday night as *Hamlet*.

MR. J. T. RAYMOND continues to personate Colonel Sellers at the Union Square Theatre.

MME NILSSON looks a little stouter than last year, but the change is considered an improvement.

A revival of "Robert le Diable" in a style of great splendor is promised at the Paris Grand Opera.

MISS AUGUSTA DARGON acts *Meg Merrilies* this week in Montreal, and will soon appear in Philadelphia in a version of Tennyson's "Queen Mary."

It appears that the authorities have forbidden the presentation of "La Grande Duchesse" in Paris on account of the satire on the petty princes of Germany.

It is now stated that Mlle. Aimée will appear at the Varieties, Paris, very shortly. She will sing her original creation in "Les Brigands."

LA Schneider returns to the stage next season, and signals that event by creating the leading role in "La Boulangère des Eaux."

J. L. TOOLE will make his first appearance in London since his return from America at the Gaiety Theatre, on Monday, November 8th. His engagement will extend to next Easter.

MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS recently opened a new rifle range for the Bideford and Tonington Rifle Corps. She made a "bull's eye" the first shot, and a "centre" the second.

"CLANCARTY" is set down for representation at Wallack's during the coming season. It contains an excellent role for Mr. Lester Wallack and a scarcely less admirable one for Miss Dyas.

THE Grand Opera gains from the Paris Conservatoire competition this year a fine baritone in M. Couturier, a superb basso in M. Gallz, and a remarkable young prima donna in Mlle. Vergin.

AN opera is to be composed by Mr. Sullivan expressly for the Italian Theatre in St. Petersburg for the season of 1876-7, and it is expected that Mme Nilsson will be engaged to enact the principal part.

MR. SIMS REEVES' recent benefit concert in London was participated in by Mme Nilsson, who sang among other selections, Gounod's "Ave Maria" and by Mlle. Titlens, who rendered "Ernani involami" and "Kathleen Mavourneen."

THE managers of theatres in Germany have in convention resolved not to engage actors or actresses for special lines of character, but to make them agree to play whatever parts are assigned to them.

TOM TAYLOR author of "Ticket-of-Leave-Man" and other plays, recently became father-in-law to Sir Charles Edward Frederick, of her Britannic Majesty's service. He was born in 1843, and is a captain of the Hussars.

CLARA MORRIS was so ill in Paris at latest accounts as to be confined to her room. She will sail for home next month, having been forced, through this severe attack of illness, to abandon her contemplated tour through Switzerland.

Mlle POMMERKUL who carried off the first prize for the violin in the competition at the Paris Conservatoire this year, is to come to this country to give a series of concerts. She is not yet sixteen, very pretty, and plays the violin "like an angel."

THE *Revue et Gazette Musicale* of Paris states that the Sultan of Zanzibar astonished amateurs and professors who were present at his visit to a pianoforte-maker by playing one of Thalberg's fantasias with the skill almost of a virtuoso.

RICHARD WAGNER has agreed to reproduce his operas at the Vienna Opera House under his personal direction. He is to receive seven per cent. of the receipts of each representation, and this arrangement is to extend to his heirs after his death.

M. CHARLES LECOQ is composing two new pieces for the Parisian stage. One will be brought out at the Folies Dramatique, and the other at the Renaissance. Mr. Offenbach is also working at four new pieces—the *Boulangère*, the *Créole*, *Don Quichotte*, and *Un Voyage dans la Lune*.

MR. EDWIN BOOTH recently met with a severe accident near his residence at Cos Cob, Long Island, from his horse taking fright and throwing him from his carriage. He had one rib broken, and suffered a fracture of the left wrist. The latest advices represent that he is doing admirably, all dangerous symptoms having passed, and that he will be out in a couple of weeks.

THE death is announced of Bayle Bernard, the well-known dramatic writer, which has just taken place at Brighton. The deceased was an American by birth, having been born in Boston in 1808, but he had lived in England from boyhood, and had adopted it as his home. His dramatic works numbered over a hundred, and many of them still retain their original popularity.

MISS VIOLETTA COLVILLE, the actress, had a narrow escape from drowning last week at Lackawaxen. In company with several others she was taking a boat-ride on the Delaware. When the boat returned to shore she lost her balance in stepping out and fell headlong into the river in a very deep place. Before she could be rescued she had disappeared twice beneath the surface, and was taken from the water in an unconscious state. She lay in convulsions nearly all night, and it was feared that the accident would terminate fatally, but at last accounts the young lady was recovering from the effects of the shock.